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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 15, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1-8, of Invention I, directed to a magnetic recording medium. Applicants therefore withdraw from prosecution in the above-identified application, claims 9-10, of Invention II, directed to a magnetic recording medium, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional application.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 1-8, and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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